

LOUD & CLEAR

SUMMER LEARNING



MINECRAFT
Why it's good for your brain



From the Director Mike Mabe

In 2010, Chesterfield County Public Library eliminated Thursday service to meet the requirements of a 17 percent reduction in our operating budget due to a countywide response to the economic crisis at the time. Even with the elimination of Thursday service, CCPL continued to provide a wide range of programs and services to an increased number of library customers including an enhanced web page, e-books and 24/7 electronic access. The improved access, plus the addition of one new library and the renovation of two existing libraries during the years we were closed on Thursday are positive signs of the ever growing demand, need and popularity of public library service in Chesterfield County. This fall, we will open our doors again on Thursday to our expanded base of loyal customers, a key sign of our success as a public institution.

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Many books have been written about the keys required for corporate/organizational success. The book "From Good to Great", published in 2001, identified 11 organizations that met the criteria to be "great." These organizations had several factors in common that the authors thought were key contributors to their organizational success,

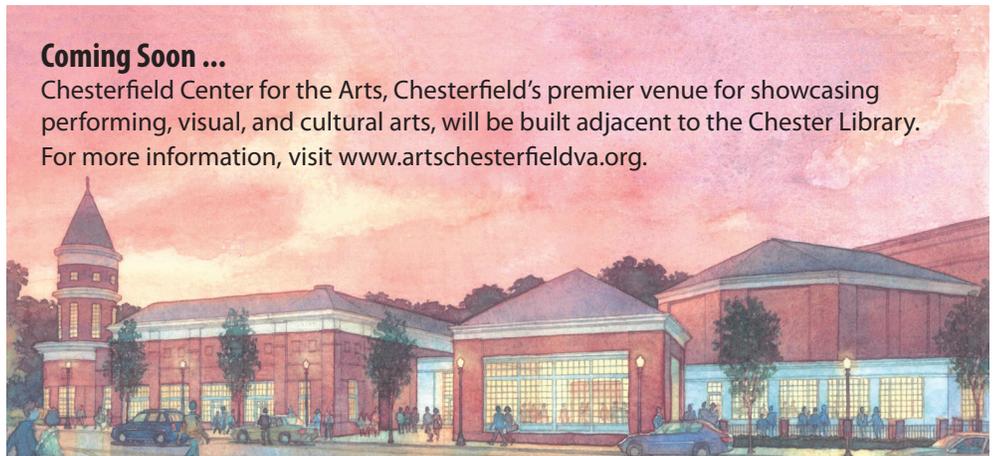
including the ability to face hard times. The author's research is extensive, thorough and impressive. Unfortunately, of the 11 corporations defined as "great," professional opinions inform us that only two have continued to be great. In fact, one of the 11 is defunct, and another notably contributed to the financial meltdown in 2008 – the very crisis that ultimately caused the financial woes which led to the closing of CCPL's doors on Thursdays. So in spite of having factors that were recognized and celebrated at the time, most of these organizations somehow lost their way.

New businesses have their own set of challenges. According to some business experts, eight in 10 new business startups fail. The main reasons for failure are the lack of an effective business model, and an inability to connect with customers.

Over the years, CCPL has avoided the struggles that some organizations above experienced. We stick to management basics and we value community engagement and a consistent approach. These choices allowed us to survive the 17 percent cut in 2010. But the ultimate reason for our continued success is the fact that the public library is a beloved community institution that continues to meet a consistent human need for learning and information. We pay tribute to all of the loyal Chesterfield County library card holders, without whom we wouldn't exist.

Coming Soon ...

Chesterfield Center for the Arts, Chesterfield's premier venue for showcasing performing, visual, and cultural arts, will be built adjacent to the Chester Library. For more information, visit www.artschesterfieldva.org.



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Providing a **FIRST CHOICE** community through excellence in public service

CCPL Welcomes Author of "The Kitchen House"

One of Virginia's award-winning writers, Kathleen Grissom, will discuss her life and her work as part of the Chesterfield County Public Library author series. The New York Times bestselling writer is known for her novel "The Kitchen House," a story about an Irish orphan living on a Virginia plantation. Grissom has won several awards for the bestselling novel.



Grissom is currently on tour promoting her new book, "Glory Over Everything." This follow-up to "The Kitchen House" is about a boy who is the son of a slave and a slave master. Grissom will be at the North Courthouse Road Library on Friday, Aug. 5.



Copies of Grissom's books will be available for sale. A book signing will follow the program. Friends of the Chesterfield County Public Library will have priority seating.

Friday, Aug. 5, 7-8:30 p.m.

North Courthouse Road Library

325 Courthouse Rd., North Chesterfield, VA 23236

Registration begins Friday, July 8.



Chester Library Art Exhibit and Reception

Provided in partnership with the Chesterfield Center for the Arts Foundation

Congressional Art Competition

Exhibit: June 1-27

Celebrate 34 years of the Congressional Art Competition. Each spring, high school students from Virginia's 4th Congressional District submit outstanding works of art to this national competition.

Old Dominion Postcard Club

Exhibit: July 1-29

Opening Reception: Saturday July 9, 3-4:30 p.m.

New Life by Anna Knowles Photography

Exhibit: Aug. 2-31

Opening Reception: Saturday Aug. 6, 3-4:30 p.m.

A series of positive photographs illustrating new life in nature and everything that represents new beginnings, in many ways.

Free!

SUMMER MEALS for KIDS & TEENS

OPEN to All Children 18 and younger • NO Enrollment, NO Cost!

June 20-July 27 • 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Chester Library Ettrick-Matoaca Library LaPrade Library Meadowdale Library	Tuesday and Wednesday Tuesday and Wednesday Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
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Putting the Fun in Summer Learning

It's that time of year again: Summer Learning Program time, and we couldn't be more excited! We're giving away lots of awesome prizes, and we're so excited to talk to you about what you're reading and learning! We're focusing on strengthening kids' relationships with their local library to set them up for lifetimes of library learning, and to do that, we're going to engage with kids in the stacks, in programs, and out in your communities, beyond the library walls.

This summer, we also want to encourage families to spend more time reading and less time logging into online systems, so there will be no online program. Instead, you're encouraged to use the logs and goals created by Chesterfield County Public Schools, or get creative and set your own goals! We'll cheer you on no matter what you choose!

How do I participate in Summer Learning?

It's easier than ever!

1. Set a learning goal for the summer! You can also set goals for things beyond reading, like the number of museums you want to visit, or the activities suggested by your school or library.
2. Come to the library and tell us what you are reading and learning! Each time you talk to us about your summer books and activities, you'll be entered into a weekly prize drawing.
3. Tell us when you reach your goal, so you can get your special edition library card!

This year, we're really putting the FUN in summer learning. Here's how:

Fantastic prizes – for 10 weeks starting June 18, kids can enter to win really great prizes (including Minecraft LEGO sets, GoldieBlox sets, Star Wars bike helmets, and more!) that will be on display in every CCPL location. In order to enter, kids will need to talk to a library team member about what they're reading and learning this summer. That's it!

Unbelievably cool programs and learning prompts – This summer, be sure to check out programs like the Science Tellers, and the weekly learning prompts that will be posted to our website each week on all sorts of topics, including astronomy, coding, music, and more.

New library cards – When your child reaches their reading goal over the summer, be sure to ask for one of our special edition gold or green library cards! These cards will ensure that your child is distinguished as a summer learning program champion for a long time to come and that they remember their achievement with pride.

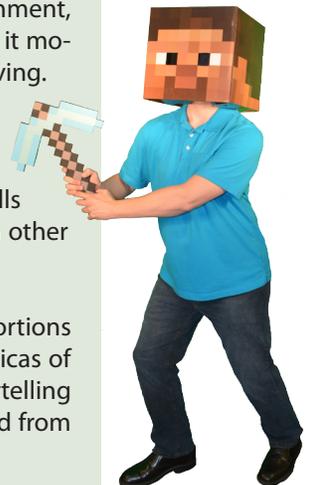
So be sure to come into the library, get your kids in to talk to us about what they're learning, enter to win some great prizes, attend those programs, check out those prompts, earn those summer learning champion library cards ... and read on!

Minecraft Supports Creativity and Problem Solving

Minecraft is a popular game, but it can also be a learning experience for children. In Minecraft, players gather raw materials by breaking blocks, and use those materials to build structures and tools. By controlling their environment, children are encouraged to create, instead of destroy, a world of their own making. Because Minecraft is fun, it motivates children to learn and explore. At its core, Minecraft promotes creativity, collaboration and problem solving.

Minecraft teaches children skills they will need in life and at school. Children learn self-regulation, a skill that enables them to keep track of school assignments on their own, by identifying problems and working toward goals. Manipulating materials to build structures improves spatial reasoning. Players use critical thinking skills to solve problems or reach goals. Many of the problems that players must resolve require collaboration with other players, improving their social skills.

Minecraft also supports school subjects. The most obvious area is math; a player learns about scale and proportions as they build models. Educators can also use Minecraft in history lessons. There are worlds that contain replicas of ancient buildings and historical sites. Children can create stories in their worlds, which supports literacy. Storytelling teaches plot, theme, setting, and conflict, whether the story springs from a child's imagination or is re-created from books they've read.



North Courthouse Road Library Generating Enthusiasm from Young and Old



The county's 10th library has been a magnet for many residents, including newcomers and those holding outdated library cards issued close to 20 years ago. "We are signing so many people up for library cards," said branch manager Meg King-Sloan. "Some people have come in with cards that were issued before Clover Hill and Meadowdale were built." The library is also seeing interest from local elementary schools that are asking for applications to sign up many of their students.

The new state-of-the-art library opened on March 17. More than 900 people attended the grand opening, including educators, members of the Board of Supervisors and retired supervisor Art Warren, whose name appears over the door of the library's front entrance. The building is named in his honor.

Instead of a reference desk, librarians greet customers with iPads or tablets to assist them with questions. There is a high-tech business center and children's area equipped with touch screen technology. Many of the library system's same high-quality programs are available, including some that have been added or enhanced. North Courthouse offers Building Blocks for School Readiness—a story time aimed at providing preschool skills for children, who don't have access to individuals who can help them prepare for kindergarten.



Friends of the Library Celebrate the Grand Opening of North Courthouse Road Library



Friends President Kahil Dotay, Enon Leader Angela Roisten and Friends Vice President Andrea Brown



North Courthouse Road Library staff member Sarah Boone, Board of Supervisor member Jim Holland and LaPrade Friends Leader Sunny Reed

& Featured Events



CHESTERFIELD MAKER EXPO

Explore science, technology, art and more! The Chesterfield Maker Expo will feature all the fun of the maker movement – robotics, 3-D printers, DIY projects and handcrafted items. We'll have lots of hands-on projects for all ages, so bring the entire family to join in the fun.

- Robot race and demonstration
- Painting party
- Weave your own bookmark
- Steampunk upcycling
- Handmade jewelry
- Much more!

Saturday, June 4, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Central Library



CCPS Spring Open House: Summer Learning

Find out how to keep your kids excited about reading and learning this summer.

Tuesday, June 7, 6-8 p.m.

All Chesterfield County public libraries



CCPS Fall Open House: School Success

How can the library help you succeed in school? Find out about free homework help, free test prep and more.

Tuesday, Aug. 30, 6-8 p.m.

All Chesterfield County public libraries



LADDERS TO SUCCESS: NOT YOUR ORDINARY JOB FAIR

Looking for a career opportunity? Want to gain some new skills or meet local employers?

- Apply for jobs and speak directly with employers about open positions
- Some interviews available on-site
- Motivational PEP talks throughout the day
- Refreshments
- Great networking opportunity

Want to sharpen your networking skills or take your résumé to the next level? Attend a pre-event workshop. See pages 12-13 for details.

Wednesday, Aug. 17, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Meadowdale Library

Bon Air

For Kids and Families

Early Literacy Story Times

Story times begin the week of June 20 and end the week of Aug. 22.

Mondays 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays 10:30 a.m.

Day Care Story Times

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Second Tuesday 10:30 a.m.

Paws to R.E.A.D.®

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First Tuesday 6-7:30 p.m.

The Backpack Storyteller: Nature's Fireworks

What's in her backpack? Why, stories, of course! Learn about lightning and lightning bugs from Deborah Alsko.

Friday, June 24 10:30-11 a.m.

Mad Science: Super Structures

Sharpen your architecture and engineering skills. Build bridges and columns and learn what makes them strong and what makes them fall. Get a Bridge Basics Take-Home Kit! For children in grades K-5. Registration is required and begins June 28.

Tuesday, July 12 10:30-11:30 a.m.

The Backpack Storyteller: Sharks, Fact and Fiction

What's in her backpack? Why, stories, of course! Learn about sharks from Deborah Alsko.

Friday, July 22 10:30-11 a.m.

Your Wild Backyard

Squirrels sounding alarm calls, blue jays pretending to be hawks, opossums checking out the trashcan, and hognose snakes looking for toads – learn about the wild behavior that happens in your own backyard! Meet rescued birds and animals, including a turkey vulture, owls, hawks, turtles, snakes, an opossum and a tarantula. Registration is required and begins July 9.

Saturday, July 23 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Mad Science: Mad Mixtures

Conjure up an eruption in our science lab! Use chemistry to blend different colors and create liquid lasagna. Mix up a batch of Mad Science play dough to take home! For children 3-5 years old. Registration is required and begins July 19. Only children need to register.

Tuesday, Aug. 2 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 2 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Mining & Crafting with Bricks 4 Kidz

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Saturday, Aug. 13 10:30-11:30 a.m.

The Backpack Storyteller: We're Going on a Bike Ride

What's in her backpack? Why, stories, of course! Enjoy adventures on wheels from Deborah Alsko.

Friday, Aug. 26 10:30-11 a.m.

To register for an event visit library.chesterfield.gov or call any Chesterfield County Public Library at 804-751-CCPL.

For Teens

Game On @ Your Library

Play Wii and tabletop games.

Third Wednesday 3-5 p.m.

Zumba for Teens

Teens, can you have fun while you work out? You bet! Find out what Zumba is and learn some basic dance moves in this low-pressure introductory class.

Friday, July 15 1-2 p.m.

For Adults

Bon Air Bookies

The Tilted World by Tom Franklin and Beth Ann Fennelly

Wednesday, June 15 7-8 p.m.

Crossroads Cinema

Water for Elephants

Come to the place where entertainment, learning and community intersect. Relaxed conversation followed by a great movie based on a book!

Monday, June 20 6-8:30 p.m.

Get Fit with Line Dancing

Jump off the treadmill and get on the dance floor. Learn how to line dance for a healthy, happy heart.

Saturday, July 16 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Crossroads Cinema

We Bought a Zoo

Monday, July 18 6-8:30 p.m.

Bon Air Bookies

Where'd You Go, Bernadette by Maria Semple

Wednesday, July 20 7-8 p.m.

Crossroads Cinema

The Secret Life of Walter Mitty

Monday, Aug. 15 6-8:30 p.m.

Bon Air Bookies

Bittersweet by Colleen McCullough

Wednesday, Aug. 17 7-8 p.m.

Central

For Kids and Families

Early Literacy Story Times

Story times begin the week of June 20 and end the week of Aug. 22.

Tuesdays 10:30 a.m.

Day Care Story Times

Specially designed for child care providers, these large-group story times are held once a month at each library.

First Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Read 2 Rover

Reading to a therapy dog provides comfort and motivation for early or struggling readers. No appointments are needed for drop-in sessions at the library.

Every Tuesday 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Fossil Storytime

Learn how fossils form and uncover your own dinosaur to take home! For preschoolers. **Registration is required and begins May 31. Only children need to register.**

Tuesday, June 14 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Rockets!

Learn about aerodynamics, build your own rocket, and see how high you can make it fly. For children in grades K-5. **Registration is required and begins two weeks before each program.**

Wednesday, June 22 10 a.m.-noon

Wednesday, July 13 2-4 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 13 10 a.m.-noon

Your Wild Backyard

Squirrels sounding alarm calls, blue jays pretending to be hawks, opossums checking out the trashcan, and hognose snakes looking for toads – learn about the wild behavior that happens in your own backyard! Meet rescued birds and animals, including a turkey vulture, owls, hawks, turtles, snakes, an opossum and a tarantula. **Registration is required and begins July 2.**

Saturday, July 16 1:30-2:30 p.m.

James River Story Time

This early literacy story time focuses on rivers, lakes, and other bodies of water. Hear stories, sing songs, and make a craft!

Tuesday, July 19 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Aladdin

Can young Aladdin outsmart an evil magician and save his family? This exotic adventure from Hampstead Stage Company is based on "The Tales of the Arabian Nights." Recommended for children in grades K-5. **Registration is required and begins July 9.**

Saturday, July 23 2-3 p.m.

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Saturday, Aug. 20 10:30-11:30 a.m.

For All Ages

Chesterfield Maker Expo

Activities for all ages – crafts, robotics, LEGO and more! See page 5 for details.

Saturday, June 4 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Introduction to 3-D Printing

Learn to use computer-aided design (CAD) software to create just about anything, and print it on a 3-D printer. Open to all ages. **Registration is required and begins two weeks before each program.**

Monday, June 20 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Saturday, July 16 2-3 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 24 6-7 p.m.

Introduction to Chainmail

Learn an ancient art that can be used to make everything from epic jewelry to mighty armor! All tools and supplies provided, plus enough rings for you to keep on working at home. **Registration is required and begins July 8.**

Friday, July 22 2-4 p.m.

For Teens

Game On @ Your Library

Play Wii and tabletop games.

Third Thursday 3-5 p.m.

Vintage Technology Petting Zoo

How did things work in the days before computers? Check out technology from the last century, including rotary phones, film projectors, and an old-school Nintendo. Find out what made these things work and how 20th-century engineering relates to 21st-century technology.

Saturday, June 25 10 a.m.-noon

For Adults

Ancestry.com – Get Started at CCPL

Discover the world's largest online family history resource. Learn how to trace your family tree using U.S. Census records, city directories and records from military service, marriages, births and deaths. Basic computer skills required. **Registration is required and begins two weeks before each program.**

Wednesday, June 15 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, July 19 2-3 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 9 7-8 p.m.

The Power of Flower Arranging

Learn tools and techniques for creating lovely arrangements that will brighten and beautify your home. **Registration is required and begins June 11.**

Saturday, June 25 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Between the Covers

The Ocean at the End of the Lane

by Neil Gaiman

Monday, June 27 1-2 p.m.

Between the Covers

The Aviator's Wife

by Melanie Benjamin

Monday, July 25 1-2 p.m.

Between the Covers

The Confession by John Grisham

Monday, Aug. 22 1-2 p.m.

Chester

For Kids and Families

Free Summer Meals for Kids and Teens

For more information, please see page 2.
Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Early Literacy Story Times

Story times begin the week of June 20 and end the week of Aug. 22.

Tuesdays 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays 10:30 a.m.

Day Care Story Times

Specially designed for child care providers, these large-group story times are held once a month at each library.

First Friday 10:30 a.m.

Read 2 Rover

Reading to a therapy dog provides comfort and motivation for early or struggling readers. No appointments are needed for drop-in sessions at the library.

Fourth Monday 6-7 p.m.

Gold is the New Pink: GoldieBlox Engineering Club

Does your princess want to build her own castle? Girls will collaborate on engineering a GoldieBlox project, gaining confidence in their abilities and the inspiration to pursue science and math. Recommended for girls 5-9 years old. Registration is required and begins two weeks before each program.

Saturday, June 18 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Saturday, July 16 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Saturday, Aug. 20 10:30-11:30 a.m.

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Saturday, July 9 10:30-11:30 a.m.

“Otto the Auto” Safety Story Time

Otto, the kid-size talking car, engages children in fun and memorable traffic safety activities that teach the importance of using a seat belt, wearing a bicycle helmet, and looking all ways before crossing the street. Recommended for preschoolers.

Friday, July 22 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Your Wild Backyard

Squirrels sounding alarm calls, blue jays pretending to be hawks, opossums checking out the trashcan, and hognose snakes looking for toads – learn about the wild behavior that happens in your own backyard! Meet rescued birds and animals, including a turkey vulture, owls, hawks, turtles, snakes, an opossum and a tarantula. Registration is required and begins July 30.

Saturday, Aug. 13 10:30-11:30 a.m.

My First School Bus

New kindergartners and their parents or guardians are invited to practice getting on and off a school bus and learn about bus safety. Registration is required and begins Aug. 5.

Friday, Aug. 19 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

For Teens

Game On @ Your Library

Play Wii and tabletop games every day at Chester Library!

Teen Drawing Camp

Learn the basics of drawing in this four-week workshop with artist Chris Blackmon. For teens 12-17 years old. Registration is required and begins July 2. Register once for all four sessions.

Saturdays 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
July 16, July 23, July 30 and Aug. 6

To register for an event visit library.chesterfield.gov or call any Chesterfield County Public Library at 804-751-CCPL.

For Adults

Chester Choices

Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil: A Savannah Story by John Berendt
Wednesday, June 1 10:30 a.m.-noon

Learn to Knit

Learn basic knitting techniques with “From the Heart” and discover how this organization uses fiber arts to bring comfort to the community. Registration is required and begins June 11.

Saturday, June 25 10:30 a.m.-noon

Chester Choices

Mercy Snow by Tiffany Baker
Wednesday, July 6 10:30 a.m.-noon

Chester Choices

The Oregon Trail: a New American Journey by Rinker Buck
Wednesday, Aug. 3 10:30 a.m.-noon

Clover Hill

For Kids and Families

Early Literacy Story Times

Story times begin the week of June 20 and end the week of Aug. 22.

Mondays 6:30 p.m.
(Pajama Story Time, wear your pjs)
Wednesdays 10:15 a.m.
Wednesdays 11:15 a.m.

Day Care Story Times

Specially designed for child care providers, these large-group story times are held once a month at each library.

Fourth Tuesday 10:30 a.m.

Read 2 Rover

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Fourth Wednesday 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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Clover Hill, cont.

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Second Tuesday 6-7:30 p.m.

Third Tuesday 6-7:30 p.m.

Fourth Tuesday 6-7:30 p.m.

Mother Goose Story Time

Begin your baby's appreciation for books! Develop early learning skills through stories, songs, lap rhymes, and movement. This program is for babies, from birth to two years old, and their caregivers. **Registration is required and begins two weeks before each session. Only children need to register.**

Tuesdays 10:30-11 a.m.

June 21-Aug. 23

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Monday, June 27 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Mad Science: Fantastic Fliers

Discover the four forces that affect flight: lift, thrust, gravity and drag. Make and test different plane designs to see these forces in action. Learn about the effects of shape and structure as you launch your lightweight gliders. For children in grades K-5. **Registration is required and begins July 8.**

Friday, July 22 10:30-11:30 a.m.

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animals, including a turkey vulture, owls, hawks, turtles, snakes, an opossum and a tarantula. **Registration is required and begins July 9.**

Saturday, July 23 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Sciencetellers: Dragons & Dreams

In a faraway world, two brave villagers must release a fire-breathing dragon to save their kingdom! Learn about changing states of matter through a tale that features interactive and explosive experiments with dry ice, fog, bubbles, flying rockets and more. For children in grades K-5. **Registration is required and begins July 16.**

Saturday, July 30 10:30-11:30 a.m.

For Teens

Game On @ Your Library

Wii gaming is always available. Ask at the desk for the controls!

Young Adult Writers Workshop

So you want to be a writer? We are hosting a monthly workshop to help you hone your skills and develop your style. Join fellow writers for creative writing exercises and fun discussions. Ages 15-21 welcome.

Second Wednesday 5-6:30 p.m.

June 8, July 13 and Aug. 10

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

High school students, here is your chance to make book recommendations and get involved with library programming! We meet each month for activities, snacks and pizza. Earn volunteer hours, build leadership skills and boost your résumé. Contact Barbara Gumulak at gumulakb@chesterfield.gov for more details.

Third Tuesdays 6:30-8 p.m.

June 21, July 19 and Aug. 16

For Adults

Clover Hill Critics

Funny Girl by Nick Hornby

Friday, June 17 11 a.m.-noon

Clover Hill Critics

The Boys in the Boat

by Daniel James Brown

Friday, July 15 11 a.m.-noon

Herb Container Gardening

Fresh, fragrant herbs can be easily grown in small spaces. Learn the basics of container gardening from Chesterfield County Master Gardeners. **Registration is required and begins July 6.**

Wednesday, July 20 6-7 p.m.

Clover Hill Critics

The Secret Rooms by Catherine Bailey

Friday, Aug. 19 11 a.m.-noon

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Enon

For Kids and Families

Early Literacy Story Times

Story times begin the week of June 20 and end the week of Aug. 22.

Wednesdays 10:30 a.m.

Sensational Snakes

Meet live snakes from Rockwood Nature Center! Learn about Virginia's snakes and how to identify venomous and non-venomous species. Get tips on keeping snakes as pets. For children in grades K-5. **Registration is required and begins June 14.**

Tuesday, June 28 7-8 p.m.

Mad Science: Sonic Sounds

Discover sound, sound waves and the way household items can be used to create amazing movie-style sound effects. Build your own harmonica too! For children in grades 3-5. **Registration is required and begins July 2.**

Saturday, July 16 11 a.m.-noon

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Tuesday, Aug. 9 7-8 p.m.

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Saturday, Aug. 20 1:30-2:30 p.m.

For Teens

Introduction to Zentangle

Teens, learn the art of Zentangle, a meditative way of creating complex, free-flowing abstract designs using repetitive patterns and shapes. Learn simple ways to create areas, patterns and shading, and how to use your designs on fabric and needlework. For teens 12-17 years old. **Registration is required and begins July 23.**

Saturday, Aug. 6 1-3:30 p.m.

For Adults

Block-Printed Bookplates and Bookmarks

Bookplates evolved from simple inscriptions to an artistic form that attracts artists, collectors and historians. In this VMFA workshop, you will learn how to carve your own design onto a printmaking block and print a small edition of bookplates and bookmarks. **Registration is required and begins July 9.**

*This program has been organized by the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and is supported, in part, by the Paul Mellon Endowment and the Jean Stafford Camp Memorial Fund.

Saturday, July 23 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Ettrick-Matoaca

For Kids and Families

Free Summer Meals for Kids and Teens

For more information, please see page 2.

Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Early Literacy Story Times

Story times begin the week of June 20 and end the week of Aug. 22.

Tuesdays 10:30 a.m.

Scaly Reptiles

Meet reptiles from Rockwood Nature Center! Learn about snakes, lizards and turtles. Get tips on keeping reptiles as pets. For children in grades K-5. **Registration is required and begins June 7.**

Tuesday, June 21 6:30-8 p.m.

Mining & Crafting with Bricks 4 Kidz

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Saturday, July 30 10:30-11:30 a.m.

James River Story Time

This early literacy story time focuses on rivers, lakes, and other bodies of water. Hear stories, sing songs, and make a craft!

Tuesday, Aug. 9 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Your Wild Backyard

Squirrels sounding alarm calls, blue jays pretending to be hawks, opossums checking out the trashcan, and hognose snakes looking for toads – learn about the wild behavior that happens in your own backyard! Meet rescued birds and animals, including a turkey vulture, owls, hawks, turtles, snakes, an opossum and a tarantula. **Registration is required and begins July 30.**

Saturday, Aug. 13 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Sciencetellers: Dragons & Dreams

In a faraway world, two brave villagers must release a fire-breathing dragon to save their kingdom! Learn about changing states of matter through a tale that features interactive and explosive experiments with dry ice, fog, bubbles, flying rockets and more. For children in grades K-5. **Registration is required and begins Aug. 6.**

Saturday, Aug. 20 2-3 p.m.

For All Ages

VSU Farm Tour

Take a ride on an open-air trolley, then get a walking tour of the green houses, gardens, high tunnels, aquaculture ponds and goat yard as you learn about Virginia agriculture. Wear comfortable shoes and sun protection, and bring a bag lunch to eat at the farm after the tour. Meet at the VSU Randolph Farm next door to the Ettrick-Matoaca Library. **Registration is required and begins June 6.**

Monday, June 20 9:30 a.m.-noon

For Teens

Toothbrush Robot Build

Build your own moving robot using a toothbrush, a battery and a small motor. Design an obstacle course to race your bot against others! For teens 11-15 years old. **Registration is required and begins July 23.**

Saturday, Aug. 6 1-2 p.m.

For Adults

Everyone's Guide to Estate Planning

You don't need a mansion to need an estate plan. No matter what you earn or how many relatives you have, a complete plan can help protect you and the things you care about. Learn about advanced medical directives, power of attorney and wills. **Registration is required and begins May 28.**

Saturday, June 11 1-2:30 p.m.

LaPrade

For Kids and Families

Free Summer Meals for Kids and Teens

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Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Early Literacy Story Times

Story times begin the week of June 20 and end the week of Aug. 22.

Mondays 10:30 a.m.

Day Care Story Times

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Fourth Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Paws to R.E.A.D.®

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Second Saturday 10-11:30 a.m.

Mother Goose Story Time

Begin your baby's appreciation for books! Develop early learning skills through stories, songs, lap rhymes, and movement. This program is for babies, from birth to two years old, and their caregivers. Registration is required and begins two weeks before each session. Only children need to register.

Wednesdays 10:30-11 a.m.

June 1, 15 and 29

July 6 and 20

Aug. 3, 17 and 31

Gold is the New Pink: GoldieBlox Engineering Club

Does your princess want to build her own castle? Girls will collaborate on engineering a GoldieBlox project, gaining confidence in their abilities and the inspiration to pursue science and math. Recommended for girls 5-9 years old. Registration is required and begins May 21.

Saturday, June 4 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Your Wild Backyard

Squirrels sounding alarm calls, blue jays pretending to be hawks, opossums checking out the trashcan, and hognose snakes looking for toads – learn about the wild behavior that happens in your own backyard! Meet rescued birds and animals, including a turkey vulture, owls, hawks, turtles, snakes, an opossum and a tarantula. Registration is required and begins July 2.

Saturday, July 16 10:30-11:30 a.m.

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Saturday, July 30 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Mad Science: Bugs!

Junior entomologists will examine authentic insect specimens and learn about their habitats, adaptations and defenses. Take home an Insect-A-Vision kit that lets you view the world through the eyes of an insect! Recommended for children grades K-6. Registration is required and begins July 22.

Friday, Aug. 5 3-4 p.m.

For Teens

Game On @ Your Library

Play Wii and tabletop games.

Third Tuesday 3-5 p.m.

Teen Chess Club

Learn how to play chess, or improve your game, in this six-part program led by Richmond Chess Initiative. All skill levels are welcome. For teens 12-17 years old. Registration is required and begins May 28. Register once for all 6 sessions.

Saturdays 3-5 p.m.
June 11, 25; July 9, 23; Aug. 6, 20

For Adults

First Friday Coloring Club

Adults, drop in to color Johanna Basford's Secret Garden coloring prints and relax with us over free coffee. Materials are provided, or bring your own.

Fridays 3-5 p.m.

June 3, July 1, and Aug. 5

Bookthink

The Bridge of San Luis Rey

by Thornton Wilder

Friday, June 10 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Bookthink

The Picture of Dorian Gray

by Oscar Wilde

Friday, July 8 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Bookthink

A Room with a View by E. M. Forster

Friday, Aug. 12 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Doc & Dine (Lunch Edition!)

Enjoy a documentary and free pizza! Feed your body and your mind with "A Requiem for Syrian Refugees." The Village Voice says it best: "It's hard to look away, and important to keep watching." For adults 18 years old and older. Registration is required and begins May 21.

Saturday, June 4 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Doc & Dine (Lunch Edition!)

Enjoy a documentary and free pizza! Feed your body and your mind with "He Named Me Malala," the story of Malala Yousafzai who was shot by the Taliban for speaking out on behalf of girls' education in Pakistan. The Nerdist review says it best: "He Named Me Malala" will certainly make you think while making you smile, and that's something any film can aspire to." For adults 18 years old and older. Registration is required and begins June 18.

Saturday, July 2 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Doc & Dine (Lunch Edition!)

Enjoy a documentary and free pizza! Feed your body and your mind with "Emptying the Skies." Experience the story behind Jonathan Franzen's best-selling magazine essay about songbird poaching. The Village Voice says it best: "Emptying the Skies" performs a grand and aching love by telling its story with a power that enrages." For adults 18 years old and older. Registration is required and begins July 23.

Saturday, Aug. 6 12:30-2:30 p.m.

To register for an event visit library.chesterfield.gov or call any Chesterfield County Public Library at 804-751-CCPL.

Meadowdale

For Kids and Families

Free Summer Meals for Kids and Teens

For more information, please see page 2.
Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Early Literacy Story Times

Story times begin the week of June 20 and end the week of Aug. 22.
Tuesdays 10:30 a.m.

Bilingual Spanish-English Story Time

Story times end the week of April 18 and begin again in mid-June.
Mondays 6:30 p.m.

Day Care Story Times

Specially designed for child care providers, these large-group story times are held once a month at each library.
Third Monday 10:30 a.m.

Magic Show and Learn with Mr. Fantastic

Learn showmanship techniques and the art of illusion in this interactive magic show. For children in grades K-5.
Saturday, July 16 11 a.m.-noon

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Saturday, July 23 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Sciencetellers: Dragons & Dreams

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Saturday, July 30 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Your Wild Backyard

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Saturday, Aug. 20 10:30-11:30 a.m.

For All Ages

CCPL Chess Club

Learn to play chess in a relaxed, stress-free environment, or meet others who enjoy the game. All ages and skill levels are welcome!

Every Tuesday 6-8 p.m.

Bike Maintenance and Safety Rodeo

Learn how to repair a flat tire and maintain your bicycle. Practice or show off your bike-handling skills and traffic safety awareness on the rodeo course. Drop by anytime and bring your bike!

Saturday, June 11 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

For Teens

Game On @ Your Library

Play Wii and tabletop games.
Every Tuesday 3-5 p.m.

Life After High School – Invest In What's Next

What do you want your future to be, and what will it take to achieve your dream? Find out what jobs fit your interests, and how to get the education you will need. Registration is required and begins July 18.
Monday, Aug. 1 11 a.m.-noon

For Adults

Meadowdale Book Discussion Group

The Boston Girl by Anita Diamant
Monday, June 6 7-8 p.m.

Meadowdale Book Discussion Group

Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline
Monday, July 11 7-8 p.m.

Doing Business with the Commonwealth for Small Businesses

Learn the requirements for contracting business through the commonwealth. The Virginia Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity will assess your company's eligibility and explain how to become certified.
Monday, July 18 7-8 p.m.

Meadowdale Book Discussion Group

The Inferno by Dan Brown
Monday, Aug. 1 7-8 p.m.

Robot Résumés to Beat the Applicant Tracking System

Online résumés are screened by a computerized Applicant Tracking System, and qualified candidates can be rejected before an employer ever sees their application. A well-crafted, ATS-friendly résumé is absolutely critical. Learn how to construct a résumé that can beat the system and get your foot in the door. Registration is required and begins July 20.
Wednesday, Aug. 3 10-11:15 a.m.

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How to Use Social Media in a Job Search

When used effectively and appropriately, social media can be a valuable resource for job searches and career development. Learn how to use social media to find job opportunities and to create an online presence that will increase your marketability to employers. Registration is required and begins July 20.

Wednesday, Aug. 3 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

21st Century Job Search: New Tools, New Rules

Finding a job has changed dramatically. Job seekers need to use new strategies and pertinent data to gain advantage over the competition. Learn where to find information on labor markets, industry trends, skill requirements, and training opportunities, how to network directly with employers and more. Registration is required and begins July 27.

Wednesday, Aug. 10 10-11:15 a.m.

Keys to Networking: Relationships For The Job Seeker

As the saying goes, it's who you know that matters. Learn how to use professional networking strategies and networking websites to build a professional network. Create an elevator speech that conveys your skill set and personal brand. Registration is required and begins July 27.

Wednesday, Aug. 10 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Ladders to Success: Not Your Ordinary Job Fair

Looking for a career opportunity? See page 5 for more information.

Wednesday, Aug. 17 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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Midlothian

For Kids and Families

Early Literacy Story Times

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Mondays 10:30 a.m.

Tuesdays 10:30 a.m.

Day Care Story Times

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Fourth Monday 10 a.m.

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Second Tuesday 6-7:30 p.m.

Fourth Saturday 10:30 a.m.-noon

Community Art Night for Families

Collaborate on a mural for Midlothian as you and your family stamp, color, and embellish individual paintings reminiscent of Andy Warhol's Flower series. All the paintings will be joined to create a community mural. Enjoy light refreshments and an exhibition of works by the students of J.B. Watkins Elementary School during a reception from 6-7 p.m.

Wednesday, June 29 7-8:30 p.m.

Your Wild Backyard

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Saturday, July 9 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Creative Journal Writing

Express yourself with art and writing! Create your own bound journal, make a decorative diary cover and start filling it with your thoughts, poems and drawings. For children 7-11 years old.

Registration is required and begins July 9.

Saturday, July 23 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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Saturday, Aug. 6 10:30-11:30 a.m.

For Teens

Game On @ Your Library

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Saturdays All day

Guitar Workshop with Zack Artis

Bring your guitars and join guitarist Zack Artis for a session on style, technique and musicianship. Registration is required and begins July 2.

Saturday, July 16 1-2 p.m.

For Adults

Crossroads Cinema

Whiplash

Come to the place where entertainment, learning and community intersect. Relaxed conversation followed by great movies!

Tuesday, June 7 6-8:30 p.m.

Midlothian Book Discussion Group

Defending Jacob by William Landay

Wednesday, June 22 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Crossroads Cinema

Birdman or *(The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance)*

Tuesday, July 5 6-8:30 p.m.

Midlothian Book Discussion Group

The Glass Castle: A Memoir

by Jeannette Walls

Wednesday, July 27 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Crossroads Cinema

Gone Girl

Tuesday, Aug. 2 6-8:30 p.m.

Cyber Security and Scam Awareness

Learn how to secure your personal information online and how to recognize scams intended to steal your money and identity. Chesterfield County police will discuss the latest scams targeting consumers in our community.

Wednesday, Aug. 3 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Midlothian Book Discussion Group

The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History by Elizabeth Kolbert

Wednesday, Aug. 24 10:30-11:30 a.m.

North Courthouse Road

For Kids and Families

Building Blocks for School Readiness

Story times begin the week of June 20 and end the week of Aug. 22.

Tuesdays 10:30 a.m.

Wednesdays 10:30 a.m.

Day Care Story Times

Specially designed for child care providers, these large-group story times are held once a month at each library.

Fourth Tuesday 10 a.m.

Read 2 Rover

Reading to a therapy dog provides comfort and motivation for early or struggling readers. No appointments are needed for drop-in sessions at the library.

Third Wednesday 4:30-5:30 p.m.

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Third Saturday 10:30 a.m.-noon

James River Story Time

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Wednesday, June 29 10:30-11:15 a.m.

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Saturday, July 16 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Engineering with Robots

We need your help to build a bridge that's safe enough for Sphero, our little round robot. Use science, engineering and problem-solving to build a bridge and test its strength. For children in grades 5-8. **Registration is required and begins July 5. Only children need to register.**

Tuesday, July 19 3-4:30 p.m.

Aladdin

Can young Aladdin outsmart an evil magician and save his family? This exotic

adventure from Hampstead Stage Company is based on "The Tales of the Arabian Nights." Recommended for children in grades K-5. **Registration is required and begins July 9.**

Saturday, July 23 10:30-11:30 a.m.

My First School Bus

New kindergartners and their parents or guardians are invited to practice getting on and off a school bus and learn about bus safety. **Registration is required and begins July 25.**

Monday, Aug. 8 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Sciencetellers: Dragons & Dreams

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Saturday, Aug. 20 10:30-11:30 a.m.

For Teens

Job Hunting Safety for Teens

When you apply for a job or fill out a college application online, you give out a lot of personal information. Find out how to protect yourself and your identity online. **Registration is required and begins July 16.**

Saturday, July 30 1-2:30 p.m.

For Adults

Fire Safety in the Home

Do you ever leave something on the stove, "just for a minute?" A small fire can get out of control quickly. Chesterfield Fire and EMS will teach you how to prevent house fires, use fire extinguishers, and create an escape plan.

Tuesday, June 28 7-8 p.m.

Line Dancing for Health

Exercise doesn't have to be a workout. Learn two of the most popular line dances and reap the heart-healthy benefits.

Tuesday, Aug. 2 10:30-11:30 a.m.

QUIRK BOARD

Save the Date

Teen Read Week Masquerade • Saturday, Oct. 15
North Courthouse Road Library

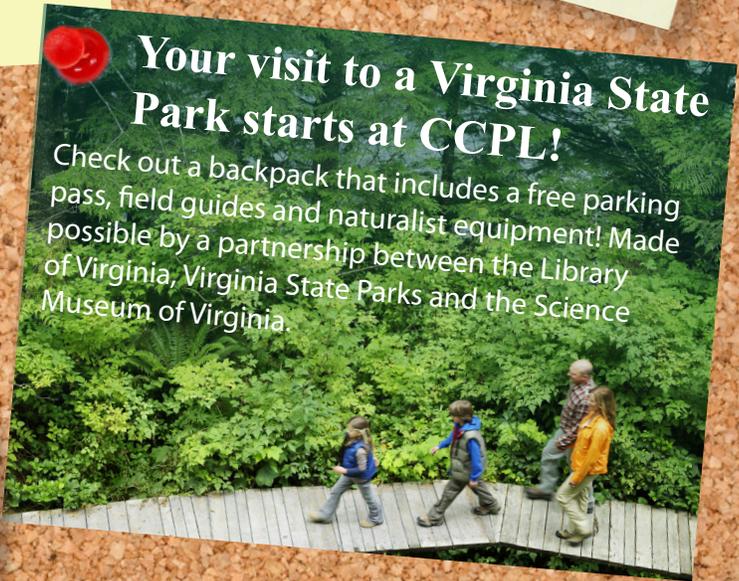
Festival of the Written Word
Saturday, Nov. 5 • Midlothian Library

PLEASE NOTE

The library will be closed in observance of:
Memorial Day Monday, May 30
Independence Day Monday, July 4
Labor Day Monday, Sept. 5

Your visit to a Virginia State Park starts at CCPL!

Check out a backpack that includes a free parking pass, field guides and naturalist equipment! Made possible by a partnership between the Library of Virginia, Virginia State Parks and the Science Museum of Virginia.



"A library should be full of now-just-a-minutes and that-can't-be-rights and scientific folk running skelter to prove somebody wrong A library should not shush; it should roar!"

— Catherynne M. Valente, *The Girl Who Soared Over Fairyland and Cut the Moon in Two*

FIRST LEGO League Interest Meeting

Do you love robots? Come to an information meeting for 9-to-13-year-olds about participating in a FIRST LEGO League team, which would meet over several months to solve real-world problems using robotics and engineering. Learn about the program, the schedule, the commitments and the science. Team space is limited, so you must be present at this meeting to be eligible for participation. A lottery may be held to select team members. For more information, contact Lonnie Elliott at 804-318-8499.
Tuesday, June 14, 7-8 p.m., North Courthouse Road Library

